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IF THINE ENEMY be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.—Proverbs 25:21.

Pershing Retires

Today General John Jacob Pershing will join the long, illustrious list of former commanders-in-chief of the army of the United States.

This nation should pause for a moment on that day and, while paying a small meed of tribute to a great American while he still lives, consider what this generation of Americans owes to the men who more than any other class made the United States of today possible.

What would this country be today if there had been no Washington, no Grant, no Miles, no Pershing? True, perhaps the places of all of these could have been filled by others. But it was Washington who led the colonial troops to victory, Grant who headed the Union hosts in sixty-five, Pershing whom the American crusaders followed in France.

Pershing commanded the largest army that ever fought under the Stars and Stripes. Companies, regiments, divisions, armies—they marched upon the enemy in France until more than two million troops were at Pershing's command, while more than that many were in camp on home soil.

"Blackjack" is beloved by Americans today as a great military leader who served the nation most faithfully and valourously when the call came. Like Grant, there was little of the professional soldier about him. He has abundantly earned the right to spend his remaining years free of the responsibility of official duties.

Canadian Conservation

That the lumber industry in British Columbia is experiencing a phenomenal boom is good news; but still more gratifying is it that while the sawmills are working overtime cutting timber for shipment to all parts of the world foresters are on guard to see that the woodlands of the province are not recklessly devastated. For the first time in the history of lumbering in North America conservation is being practiced while there is still time to make it effective. It is true that conservation of timber resources is also being practiced in Alaska, but the situation there is somewhat different from what it is in British Columbia. In the Canadian province lumbering is an important business while in Alaska the forests are in the possession of the government and there has been comparatively little cutting of the timber.

The lumbermen of British Columbia are treating the forests as a crop, which, after having been harvested, is to be replanted. Heretofore lumbermen have handled the forests as if they were a mine; they took the position that the timber should be removed as quickly as possible, just as one removes the minerals from a mine with the least delay, and that once the woodland was exhausted of its tree growth its usefulness as a producer of timber was over. The consequence of this practice has been that forest lands have been swept bare and the saw-mills dependent on them have gone out of business.

In British Columbia they are proceeding with the assumption that there is always to be a timber supply and that lumbering is to be a permanent business. Eventually all countries will have to preserve their forests in the same manner if they hope to escape a timber famine.

Russians are permitted to take new names at will, a news item states. Who would censure a Russian for changing his name?

The federal treasury is seeking to reintroduce the silver dollar into circulation. They're a bit heavy to carry but preferable to no dollar.

From the number of "former Follies girls" mixed up in sordid affairs, we judge the "Follies" are more so than generally believed or terribly serious.

Some one asks why the air is more dense near the earth. Probably gets that way by associating with folks.

Some optimists are just too lazy to kick.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



Teachers "Now, Tommy, what is a hypocrite?"
Tommy: "A boy that comes to school with a smile on his face."
You can lead an ass to college, but you can't keep him from drinking.
Florida, says a dispatch, has sent out the largest lemon ever raised. We can guess his name without trying.

AT THE MASQUERADE
She whirled with a reckless abandon.
She melted and writhed in my grasp.
She danced in a manner to cause me,
Roue as I have been, to gasp:
"The seat by the ferns in the garden.
She yielded her red lips to mine;
Her kisses were passionate, burning.
She loved with a fever divine;
Midnight struck, we adored our fanks.
Alas, this world is rife,
With trouble; but how could I know
She was my wedded wife.

"I tell you," said the real estate agent, "there isn't a finer residence on earth than this. Just look at the wonderful scenery."
"The scenery is all right," replied the home searcher. "The only trouble is there is too much of it between here and the city."

Great minds and great fortunes don't always go together.
"I don't think there's anything wrong in asking for an increase of salary," said the clerk to his employer. "You may remember you promised me a raise when I had been with you a year."
"I know I did," rejoined the employer, "but didn't I make it conditional upon your giving me every satisfaction?"
"And in what way, sir, haven't I given you satisfaction?" asked the clerk.
"In what way?" replied the employer, with a show of anger. "Do you think you are satisfying me in asking for a raise?"

ITS MISSION
What's this, Uncle?
That's a Zebra.
What does it do?
Well, er—it's principally used to illustrate the letter Z.

A negro stoker was crossing the ocean for the first time. He came up on deck to get a breath of air. Looking out on the water, he said in disgruntled tones "Why, we is right whar we wuz this time yesterday."

Somehow we don't feel quite right when we find that the heroes we admire do the same little ordinary things that we do.
Sam: "What are you doing now?"
Bo: "I'm an exporter."
Sam: "An exporter?"
Bo: "Yes, the Pullman company just fired me."

"Every now and then some one gets peevish over items that appear in this paper and threatens to make bologna sausage out of the editor," reports an exchange. That shows the lack of gray matter. Just stop and consider what we may know about you that we could publish but don't.

We often find that the people who want to do something for us want to do us for something.
Any dress is sufficiently modest if the man who loves her doesn't object to it.

Tom Sims Says

The Prince of Wales' visit to America during last year proved he is the bravest man in the world.

In Alexandria, La., two women fought over a man with knives, and he probably wasn't worth it.

We would hate to be Coolidge and have two other men trying so hard to get the house where we live.

Daves may never be sworn in but a preacher in Florida has cussed him out.

Fish gruger asks divorced because she "threw eggs at him, pleading, of course, that she ejected him on."

Clothes will be back in style again in a few weeks, much to the disgust of the bathing beach queens.

Fall and the annual yarn about squirrels storing golf balls for the nuts are both due September 23.

The trouble with losing a fortune is you can't get anybody to help you find another one.

Everybody knows exactly how to raise children except the people who are raising them.

All the world is a stage on which there are many trap doors.

The violin is almost as hard to learn to play as poker.

The harvest moon will make many an alleged woman-hater see things in an entirely different light.

Auto fenders don't know anything about the law.

What the country needs as much as anything else is a half hour parking limits on country lanes.

Trouble with a political job is your feelings get hurt when you lose it and have to go to work.



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Editorials From Over the Nation

PROFITS AND LOSSES

The Nation's Business: A young man entered the office of a New York banker recently and began to berate him for the alighted manner in which he had handled the funds loaned to the young man's widowed mother.

"On the last stock purchase you made for her," the caller said, "she has lost \$12,000 on one item alone. What kind of a banker are you anyhow to lead her into such rotten investment?"

The banker sat calmly waiting until the young man had finished and then said:
"You're exactly right. I did buy for your mother stocks that have gone down in value \$12,000. But did she happen to tell you that on the same day I bought other stocks and bonds for her that have advanced \$500,000, and are likely to advance another \$100,000 within the next sixty days?"

"No, I didn't know anything about that," replied the now crest-fallen caller. "All she mentioned was the loss of \$12,000."
"I'm not surprised," observed the banker wearily. "Many of us are like that. We love to feel that we have been imposed upon and to tell about it. We prefer to mention the one mistake somebody made for us rather than his ninety and nine cents that went no awry. That happens in business every day."

ILLUMINATED DINNERS

Chicago Daily Tribune: By placing an electric light over the abdomen, says Dr. Harry F. Hoffmann of Pennsylvania, digestion can be stimulated. Light from an ordinary incandescent lamp, he says, has a germicidal effect and will relieve pain.
This is a discovery of social consequence. Soon the well appointed table will include a light plug at each place. Gentlemen after dinner will carry light audibles to show that they have dined. The lighting systems of our caravats will acquire new significance.

But it should not go too far. When eating dinner requires an instrument board and as much technique as driving an automobile, science has progressed far enough. The naive puns of eale are better than digestion with a machine shop.

TOO GLOOMY A VIEW OF THE CHURCH

Kansas City Times: Careful observers will hardly agree with the minister who told the Baptist Young People union at Denver last week that the "church is a ash heap and a junk pile instead of being, as it should be, an organization pulsating with life and vitality." The minister cited some statistics which he declared were "approximately" correct. They showed that 5 percent of church members "do not exist," that 10 percent of them cannot be found; 25 percent never contribute "a cent to the kingdom of God"; 75 percent never go to a weekly service; 20 percent do not have family altars in their homes, and 55 percent never attempt to win a new recruit to the church.

The figures are interesting and doubtless have a basis in fact. Religious leaders more than once have deplored the fact that the burden of church support and activity must often be borne by a

few of its members. But the important consideration remains that a similar situation exists in just about every other kind of organization, including political parties. Yet the organizations are not exactly junk heaps and they continue to function, sometimes with amazing effectiveness.

Criticism of the church, especially from those within it, serves a useful purpose, provided the criticism be judicial and well based. There is a danger in religious indifference on the part of those who profess religious affiliation. But the danger is not lessened by extravagant or sensational statements.

PRISON BARS NO OBSTRUCTION TO BROADCASTER

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Many people regard a prison as the last place in which to achieve fame, but the case of Harry Snodgrass, convict in the Missouri state penitentiary here, is an exception. For Harry, although serving a term behind the stone walls of the state prison, has not only achieved renown, but has acquired nationwide fame, as well—chiefly due to observations from the world.

He was sentenced to serve three years on a charge of attempted robbery. He entered prison virtually unknown, but today his name is familiar to persons in almost every section of the country. Harry brought a gift of his fingers with him. He is a pianist of rare ability and can play with extraordinary skill and technique. Several masters have declared. Soon he was playing once a week or more at station WOS, the state broadcasting station, one of the most powerful in the country.

People began to write asking who the "wonderful" pianist was. His name became known, and now Snodgrass' renditions both of popular and classical music are given to a wide radio audience.
What Harry will do when he gains his liberty is not known, but he can have his pick of a score of good positions playing the piano in several sections of the country, according to officials.

Perhaps a modern girl shouldn't tell her mother everything. The dear old things are so charming in their present innocence.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEIR DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

THE COVE ROAD

Cove, Oregon, Sept. 8, 1924.
To the Honorable County Court: Sirs:
I see in the Observer that there is a misunderstanding in regard to the petition that was handed your body a few days ago in regard to the Cove road. I stated that petition, not contemplating any legal proceedings, but to see that the contract was carried out in accordance with the plans specified, as I was told they were not carrying their contract, but were drawing the money, and that the road was completed from the Sandpit to John Hamman's, and that it was only twelve feet wide

instead of eighteen. The people of Cove do not want the work stopped, and they don't want any lawsuit, and I did not understand that there would be any. If that is what it means in the petition, cannot my name, as I will not be a party to such action. I understand there were several who signed as I did, thinking that they would back the court in making the contractors stand up to their word, if they were not doing so. You can give this to the press if you so desire.
Your friend,
J. B. TALLENT,
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